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# Africans think tan yanks Central Intelligence spies

NEW YORK. — Colored Americans employed by the U.S. Government in Africa, regardless of their assignments, are "almost always beclouded" by the suspicion that they are spies, an American journalist reported today.

Writing in the current issue of Look magazine, editor Ernest Dunbar said: "In country after country, persons have told me that those who are employed in the U.S. Information Service, AID, in embassies or even in the Peace Corps are suspected on grounds that the U.S. is using its black citizens to penetrate black Africa for purposes of espionage."

DR. FLETCHER ROBINSON, a young American physician with the Peace Corps, denied that a "gulf" exists between the Americans and their hosts, but added:

"Though no one ever made me feel they thought I was a CIA agent, in many conversations I've had, that is mentioned. Here in Africa, the CIA is thought of as we used to think of the Gestapo or the NKVD!"

BILL SUTHERLAND, a citizen from New Jersey now employed in the Tanzanian Ministry of Information and Tourism, said:

"I feel a colored American who works for the U.S. in Af-

rica is in an impossible situation. In some countries, no African government official can have a really close relationship with you. He risks being censured by his own government if he becomes too involved with you."

"Suspicion of people as CIA spies," Dunbar wrote in Look, "tends to occur mostly among the educated elite of Africa's cities. Rural Africans go out of their way to befriend black Americans and to welcome them 'back home.'"

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